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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6305**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1103

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 27, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** In God We Trust License Plates.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Tincher

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill:

- (1) Specifies that an In God We Trust license plate is a special group recognition license plate, and makes conforming amendments;
- (2) Provides that an In God We Trust license plate is subject to an annual supplemental fee and an annual fee, and that the annual fee is distributed to the Military Family Relief Fund, the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund, and the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home Maintenance Fund; and
- (3) Repeals and relocates language concerning the charges for, and distribution of the fees related to, registration for an In God We Trust license plate.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Total revenue from the annual fees provided in the bill is estimated to range between \$30 M and \$60 M annually. Total revenue will be distributed to the various dedicated funds described below.

The bill establishes the In God We Trust license plate as a special group recognition license plate with a \$15 annual supplemental fee. The bill also provides for an annual \$20 fee with revenue distributed to the Military Family Relief Fund, the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund, and the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home Maintenance Fund.

Prison Enterprise Network (PEN PRODUCTS), manufacturing and sales arm of prison-made products, reports that as of October 5, 2007, 1.621 million In God We Trust license plates have been shipped to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, with an additional 80,000 plates on order or in the shipping process, for a total of 1.7 million plates. Under the new fee structure, it is not known what effect the newly established fees will have on the sales of In God We Trust license plates. The following table shows the distribution of the revenue based on potential sales of 50%, 75%, and 100% of the current level, and Table 2 shows the affected funds and their uses.

<b>Table 1. Distribution of Special Recognition Revenue.</b>				
	<b>MVHA (\$5)</b>	<b>Xrds 2000 (\$1)</b>	<b>BMVC (\$9)</b>	<b>Total (\$15)</b>
50% of Current Sales	\$4,250,000	\$850,000	\$7,650,000	\$12,750,000
75% of Current Sales	\$6,375,000	\$1,275,000	\$11,475,000	\$19,125,000
100% of Current Sales	\$8,500,000	\$1,700,000	\$15,300,000	\$25,500,000
<b>Distribution of \$20 Annual Fee Revenue</b>				
	<b>Military Family Relief</b>	<b>Violent Crimes Compensation</b>	<b>Soldiers' and Sailors'</b>	<b>Total</b>
50% of Current Sales	\$5,666,667	\$5,666,667	\$5,666,667	\$17,000,000
75% of Current Sales	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$25,500,000
100% of Current Sales	\$11,333,333	\$11,333,333	\$11,333,333	\$34,000,000

<b>Table 2. Affected Funds and Uses.</b>	
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Uses</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Highway Account</b>	Construction, reconstruction, and maintenance, along with supporting the BMV, the State Police, the Dept. of Transportation, and the State Department of Revenue.
<b>Crossroads 2000 Fund</b>	Bonding for highway projects.
<b>BMV Commission</b>	Supports the operation of the licenses branches throughout the state
<b>Military Family Relief Fund</b>	Provides assistance with food, housing, utilities, medical services, basic transportation, and other essential family support expenses that have become difficult to afford for families of Indiana residents who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces or the National Guard and called to active duty after September 11, 2001.
<b>Violent Crimes Compensation Fund</b>	Provides awards to victims of violent crimes.
<b>Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home Maintenance Fund</b>	Provides for the payment of the costs of maintenance for a child at the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home.

#### **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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In God We Trust license plate sales as of October 5, 2007.

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